

AHCCCS HIPAA NPI Testing:

The following summarizes our procedures and expectations related to HIPAA NPI MCO trading partner testing. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please let us know.

Approach:

1. In a HIPAA NPI dedicated test environment AHCCCS will run according to test specific versions of production Encounter schedules:
 - a. Encounter processes normally run on a daily basis will continue to be run on a daily basis Monday through Friday.
 - b. Encounter processes normally run on a monthly basis will be run weekly Thursday evenings.
 - c. Reinsurance processes normally run on a monthly basis will also be run bi-weekly at the conclusion of the Thursday Encounter processes.
2. All submitted 837 and NCPDP Test Files will be accepted and processed through all adjudication and/or validation processes.
3. All normally produced processing outputs will be made available.
4. MCO's will be able to submit encounters for any valid AHCCCS recipient, provider (with inclusion of known NPI's) and service; therefore claims may be production examples or test data.
5. 837 and NCPDP encounter submissions will be accepted for test processing between 6am AST and 4pm AST.
6. 837 and NCPDP encounter test submissions should be named as follows:

File Name Examples:

AZ837P2244660891030904.001
AZ837P2244660891030904.002
AZ837P2244660896030904.001
AZ837I2244660891030904.001
AZ837D2244660891030904.001
AZNCPD2244660891030904.001
AZNCPD2244660891030904.002
AZPEND2244660891030904.001

(Submitter Id's should equal your current production assigned values).

Standards/Expectations:

1. Only applicable form types for each MCO must be tested.
2. **Testing can begin upon notification and approval to begin, via the HIPAA Workgroup (AHCCCSHIPAAWorkgroup@azahcccs.gov) with a cc to Lori Petre (lori.petre@azahcccs.gov)**
3. # Of Submissions required to "pass" testing (see column 3 on the attached spreadsheet for the minimums). A submitter may submit additional files if desired.
4. Once a MCO feels they have successfully completed all applicable test cycles, an email should be submitted to: AHCCCSHIPAAWorkgroup@azahcccs.gov with a cc to Lori Petre. Testing will end when test requirements are met. No other files will be accepted outside of the authorized test period.
6. All confirmed test completions will be tracked on the AHCCCS HIPAA Workgroup website after notification to the MCO.
7. All submitted records for testing will be purged 45 days from date of submission.

Table of Testing Expectations:

Transaction	Who must test?	# of Submissions or Receipts of Files Required	Testing Requirements
837I – Encounters	All MCO's who currently submit 837 Institutional encounters (as well as all new MCO's) must submit the minimum number of test files and successfully complete testing by no later than 2/28/2007.	Minimum of 3 submissions	At least one exchange should include Replacements/ Voids as applicable. Must include encounters with valid provider NPI information. Minimum of 25 encounters Maximum of 250 encounters
837P – Encounters	All MCO's who currently submit 837 Professional encounters (as well as all new MCO's) must submit the minimum number of test files and successfully complete testing by no later than 2/28/2007.	Minimum of 3 submissions	At least one exchange should include Replacements/ Voids as applicable. Must include encounters with valid provider NPI information. Minimum of 25 encounters Maximum of 250 encounters
837D – Encounters	All MCO's who currently submit 837 Dental encounters (as well as all new MCO's) must submit the minimum number of test files and successfully complete testing by no later than 2/28/2007.	Minimum of 3 submissions	At least one exchange should include Replacements/ Voids as applicable. Must include encounters with valid provider NPI information. Minimum of 25 encounters Maximum of 250 encounters
NCPDP – Encounters	All MCO's who currently submit NCPDP encounters (as well as all new MCO's) must submit the minimum number of test files and successfully complete testing by no later than 2/28/2007.	Minimum of 3 submissions	At least one exchange should include Replacements/ Voids as applicable. Must include encounters with valid provider NPI information. Minimum of 25 encounters Maximum of 250 encounters

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Pended Encounters	All MCO's who currently submit 837 or NCPDP encounters (as well as all new MCO's) must receive the minimum number of test files and successfully complete testing by no later than 2/28/2007.	Minimum of 3 receipts	
Pend Correction	All MCO's who currently submit 837 or NCPDP encounters (as well as all new MCO's) must submit the minimum number of test files and successfully complete testing by no later than 2/28/2007.	Minimum of 3 submissions	

Helpful Hints:

Please make sure that you use the most current AHCCCS Companion Guides for each transaction (available on the AHCCCS HIPAA website).

Please ensure that your ISA and GS segments adhere to the submission values as outlined in the Companion Document.

Make sure that all test submissions are identified as "T-test" rather than "P-production".

Make sure that all files reflect the appropriate version information as outlined in the Companion Document.

If you have any questions, please email the HIPAA Workgroup at:

AHCCCSHIPAAWorkgroup@azahcccs.gov, again with a cc to lori.petre@azahcccs.gov

Available Documentation:

Refer to the AHCCCS HIPAA Website for the latest HIPAA and NPI Testing Information.

Companion Documents for each transaction or transaction set, are available on the AHCCCS HIPAA Website.

Reporting Testing Problems/Issues:

All test related problem reports/issues/questions should be submitted to the following email address:

AHCCCSHIPAAWorkgroup@azahcccs.gov

For Problem Reports, please email the pertinent test data and detail of the issue. This email address is monitored throughout the day. The test related material will be forwarded to the appropriate parties for immediate review, to ensure a timely response.

Transaction Delimiters:

AHCCCS delimiters for outbound transactions:

Element delimiter = "{" (changed from the "^")

Composite delimiter = "|" (the pipe, no change)

Segment terminator = "~" (a tilde, no change)

For incoming transactions, any character from the Basic and/or Extended Character Set can be used, as long as it is not used in a data element value following the interchange header.

Acknowledgements/Error Handling:

(Refer to the current Companion Document)